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DUXBURY

Duxbury in Synopsis

Area: 24.32 square miles

County: Plymouth

Government: Town Meeting

Population: 10,438 Summer population increase is approximately 5000

Public Transportation: Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Bus Company service to Plymouth and Boston, with more frequent service in the center of town during rush hours. Parking facilities are available at the junction of routes 53 and 3A where a bus to Boston makes regular stops. Excellent parking facilities are also provided at Quincy's MBTA station.

Distance from Boston: 37 miles South

Driving Time to Boston: 45 Minutes

Schools: Public: Three Elementary Schools, one of which is new; one Intermediate School with a recent addition; one Senior High School also with a recent addition; Private: Fisher Junior College Extension Program

Medical Facilities: Standish Medical/Dental Center provides most local private practice services for residents; Counseling services are available at the Mayflower Counseling Center, and from the Duxbury Counseling Services; nearest hospital is the Jordan in Plymouth, and it is but a short drive to Hanover's new Emergency Medical Center.

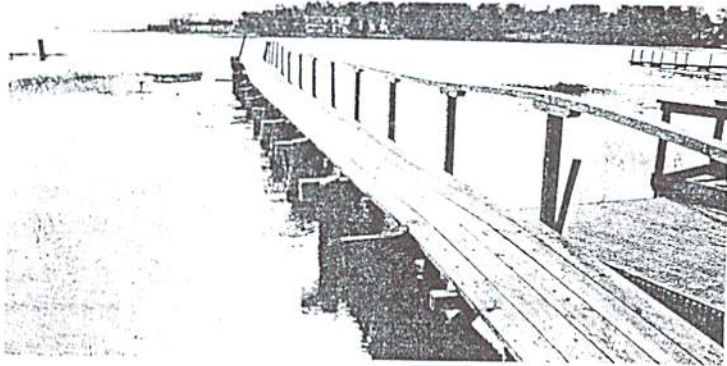
Shopping Facilities: Two main business centers located at Hall's Corner and Snug Harbor provide good local services - plans are being formulated for future expansion; at Hanover a 95 store Major Mall that is climate controlled provides excellent shopping and off street parking; shopping complexes are also located at nearby Plymouth and Marshfield.

Public Facilities and Services: Electricity to entire town; natural gas service to part of town; town water to most of town; sewer systems under development in part of town; private trash and garbage collection; new refuse transfer station; Police Force of 18 full time officers and 10 special service officers; Fire Department with full time chief and deputy chief, 17 full time firefighters supported by volunteer firefighters utilizing modern equipment operating out of two stations; public library open daily, except Sunday during summer months; Plymouth County Nurses Association for assistance to the sick and elderly; 52 unit Elderly Housing complex; Youth Outreach Worker assistance for troubled adolescents.

Recreational Facilities: a 37.4 mile tidal shoreline that allows for excellent fishing, swimming, boating, clamming; magnificent ocean beaches; a town pier and public dock at Mattakeesett Court; several public launching ramps; several complete service marinas; a private yacht club; over 1200 acres of conservation lands for hiking, jogging, and picnicing; a nine hole public golf course; an 18 hole private golf course; a newly constructed municipal pool; several ballfields and playgrounds throughout town, one of which is lighted (Alden Street); a lighted skating pond at Island Creek; two new soccer fields under construction; a new pony league sized diamond at Keene Street playground; tennis courts at six different locations in town; Tarkiln Youth and Recreation Center; State maintained Standish Monument Park; a complete schedule of over 300 activities throughout the year sponsored by the Recreation Department; private facilities for tennis and paddle tennis.

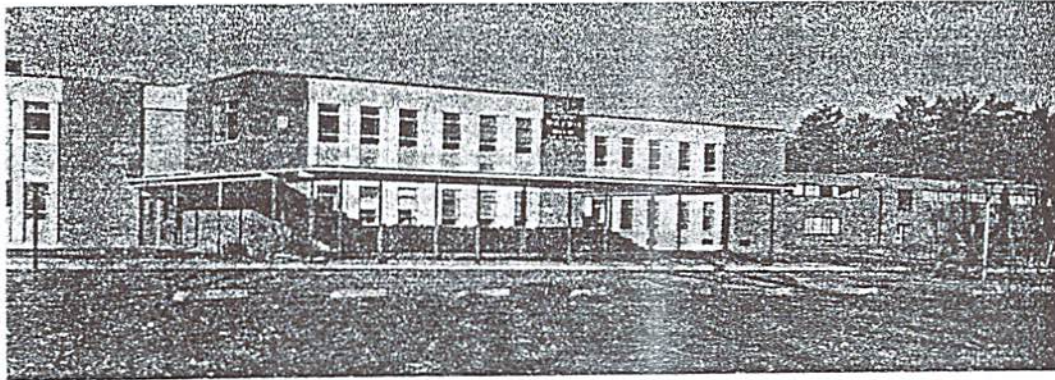
Newspapers: The Duxbury Clipper; Plymouth County Journal; Boston Daily Globe; Boston Herald American; Brockton Enterprise; Patriot Ledger; South Shore News

Churches: Bible Baptist Church Park Street 585-3800; Congregation Beth Jacob Pleasant Street Plymouth 746-3842 or 746-1575; First Baptist Church of Duxbury 2 Tremont Street 934-6095; First Church of Christ Scientist 243 Park Street 934-6434; First Parish Church Unitarian/Universalist Tremont Street 934-6532; Holy Family Church St. George Street 934-5055; Pilgrim Church United Church of Christ Washington Street 934-6591; Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church 410 Washington Street 934-6523; Saint Paul's Church of the Nazarene 136 Summer Street 585-3419; West Duxbury United Methodist Church High Street Office: 293-2025 Residence: 293-3382
Restaurants: A variety of good restaurants are available throughout the town. Fast food service type restaurants can be found at Snug Harbor and Hall's Corner; a family favorite is the Duxbridge Restaurant & Lounge on Bay Road; and for more formal dining with a cocktail there are the Dory at 581 Tremont Street; The Chart House at 500 Congress Street; and the Winsor House at 390 Washington Street.



In Pursuit of Academic Excellence

Concurrent with one of the earliest concerns of the town of Duxbury, that of an educated and enlightened youth, the present school committee has resolved to maintain the best possible education for the youth of Duxbury in pursuit of academic excellence throughout the school system. Located on a 75 acre campus in the center of town, the School system is comprised of one new Senior High School with a recent addition, one Intermediate School, also with a new addition, and three Elementary Schools, one of which, on Chandler Street, was completed in 1973. The system stresses the teaching of basic skills while providing for the emotional, artistic, and athletic needs of the students. Aware of the need to provide for individual differences, the goal is to allow provision for different proficiency levels in learning skills while requiring of each child that he reach his own best performance level. For all programs in 1978, per pupil expenditure was \$1645.23. From the 1978 graduating class, 58% went on to four year colleges, while another 10% went on to other post high school training.



The four levels of ability grouping at the High School for courses offered are: advanced placement, honors, standard academic college preparation, and standard academic preparation. In addition to the distinctive college preparatory programs, special features of the curriculum are the distributive education program, the work/study program, and several new additions to the curriculum for the non-college bound: electronics, metals, power mechanics, drafting, professional cooking, and an expanded program in child development.

At the Intermediate School, every phase of the educational process has been enhanced by the new addition. The focal point of activity is the new library area which has created the opportunity for a wide variety of teaching/learning situations. At the Elementary level, a diversity of teaching styles is available and both self contained classrooms and flexible space programs are offered. The four major areas of academic study are language arts, mathematics, social sciences, and science.

Many special programs serve the diversified needs of the young people of the town. Currently, the special education program provides services beyond those required by State Chapter 766. Programs include dyslexics,

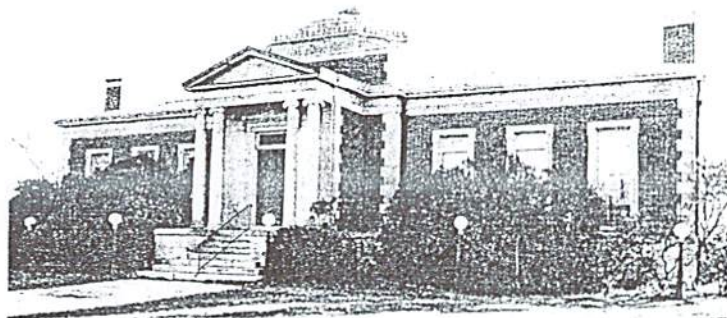
Duxbury
School
1978



Duxbury School Complex

the physically handicapped, retardates, the disadvantaged, the emotionally disturbed, and the hearing impaired. School Nurses provide programs throughout the year that promote the general health of the student population. Fourth and fifth graders were offered a program in outdoor education, and a safety safari program in traffic safety was initiated this year. For children with severe difficulties, a Title I math lab program was offered, and for children in grades six and up, a developmental and educational guidance program has been organized. Thirteen courses were presented for adults and children in an expanded six week summer school program, and for adults a complete schedule of evening education courses is offered with subject matter ranging from sewing and crewel work to foreign languages, literature, and writing.

Supporting a fine teaching staff are a Pupil Personnel Director, adjustment counselors, trained librarians in every school, an audio-visual materials coordinator, and speech and language therapists. In addition, many community volunteers at each of the schools contribute their creative and industrious energies to the educational process. The Parent Teacher Association Council also furnishes valuable cultural and educational programs for the residents of their community.



THE DUXBURY FREE LIBRARY
St. George Street

934-2721
Director: 934-6162

Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 A.M. - 9 P.M.
Friday and Saturday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Sunday (Sept. - May) 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

All of the library services you would expect to find and quite a lot more are available at the Duxbury Free Library. A FAMILIAR COMMUNITY LANDMARK on St. George Street, the original building was donated in 1889 by the family of George B. Wright, and partially funded by a donation from Henry Winsor. The present building, also a gift of the Wright family was erected in 1909 when the original building was moved across the street to serve as a center for town offices until 1975. In 1968 an extensive addition to the library building was completed and the town took over responsibility for the library.

REGULAR SERVICES of the library include reference and information assistance, a reader's advisory service, the acquisition and circulation of the library's more than 49,000 books, 150 periodicals, microfilm files, numerous newspapers, 1800 recordings, and a selection of art prints. Membership in the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System makes available books and materials from other libraries in the State. Registered community organizations may borrow films free from the region's audio-visual collection housed at the Boston Public Library.

SPECIAL FEATURES of the library are the Helen Bumpus Art Gallery which offers unusual exhibits throughout the year, a museum pass program, three feature film series, a drama-forum production on issues of racism and feminism funded by the Massachusetts Endowment for Humanities and Public Policy, and an afternoon of Medieval Music. A very popular new monthly Ceilidh (pron. kale) program is based on the Gaelic custom of gathering to entertain one another with song, story and poem. The children that use the library love the story hours, puppet shows, and sing-a-longs, and they always seem to be able to find a librarian that can turn up a favorite storybook. Newcomers to the town will enjoy browsing through the historical materials gathered in the Duxbury Room. In its continuing efforts to meet the needs of the community, the library has received a grant to set up a volunteer reader center for recording for the blind and visually handicapped, to be funded by Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY is a new organization designed to support the programs and needs of the library. The group provides members with a newsletter of library events, programs and new acquisitions. They have donated funds for gallery openings, provided delivery service for shutins, sponsored speakers, and raised monies for library needs.

HELEN BUMPUS GALLERY
Duxbury Free Library
St. George Street

934-2721

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Throughout the year the gallery exhibits a variety of unusual collections.

THE DUXBURY ART ASSOCIATION
685 Washington Street

934-6610

This year's 60th Annual Summer Art Show is only one of a wide variety of art activities sponsored by the Duxbury Art Association. Based in the Drew House on Washington Street since 1965, the Association offers classes in subjects ranging from painting for children, and art through the ages, to oil painting and water color drawing for adults. Monthly programs include demonstrations, trips, workshops, films, and lectures. Rounding out the year's offerings are a juried art show, an arts and crafts fair, a benefit cocktail party, an active camera club, and a multi-media art workshop for children.

THE PERFORMING ARTS
THE BAY PLAYERS

Michael Pevaner 934-2007

The Bay Players of Duxbury founded in 1956 have a complement of members from 12 area communities. This 23rd season, which usually includes the presentation of three productions, will open in November with the production of *My Fair Lady*. Membership requires only that one has an interest in theater and a willingness to be involved in at least one show per year. Auditions are open, and the cast usually includes an equal number of former members and newcomers, with first appearance performances balancing those of seasoned performers.



The Arts

THE DUXBURY ART COMPLEX MUSEUM
189 Alden Street

934-6634

Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Another contributor to the cultural life of the community is the Duxbury Art Complex Museum built in 1971 as a "Monument to Wood" by the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser family. The architectural design of the building itself is one of graceful free flowing lines. Natural North light is made use of through special skylights, and the angular galleries provide special exhibit areas for different categories of art.

The permanent collection includes excellent examples of Shaker furniture, a collection of Japanese crafts, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, and glass. In addition to the gallery area, there is a library, and there are accommodations for small concerts, lectures, and films. During the summer months one may attend a Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration at the Duxbury Art Complex Tea House "Wind in the Soughing Pines" built originally in Kyoto, Japan in 1969, and later reconstructed at the Duxbury location. Recently the Museum has published its first volume, "The Lithographs of Ture Bengtz", the first President of the complex and instructor at Boston's School of the Museum of Fine Arts for 38 years.

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TOWN OFFICES
378 Tremont Street

Connecting all Departments:
934-6586

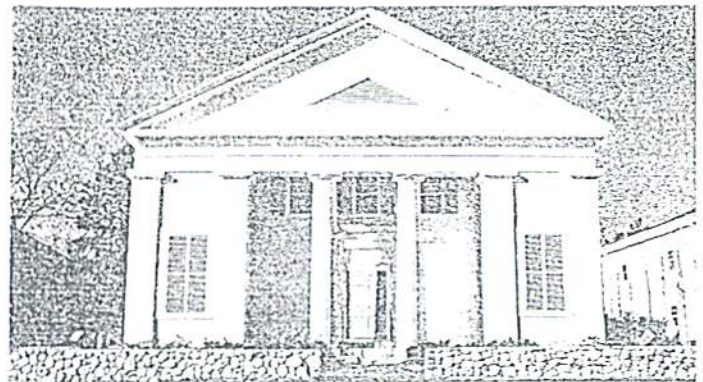
The Selectmen of the town of Duxbury work diligently, with assistance and guidance from a number of boards and committees, to maintain the quiet dignity and stability of the town, while earnestly working to foster growth and development in directions that will be of major benefit to the residents. In addition to their duties as overseers of all matters affecting the general welfare of the town, the Selectmen serve as the Board of Health and the Sewer Commissioners with the assistance of an executive assistant and an engineering assistant. A concentrated effort has been made in all planning to protect and preserve the natural resources of the area. Current efforts include plans to streamline the government, the modernization of town by-laws, the establishment of a Police Study Committee, the commissioning of a computer study committee, and the initiation of task oriented or zero based budgets. The Selectment, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and most other town departments operate out of a modern town office building erected in 1975.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
668 Tremont Street 934-5691

Utilizing the most modern firefighting equipment, this department, housed in two stations, is staffed by a chief, a deputy chief, three lieutenants, 17 full time firefighters, and 30 volunteer firefighters. The department also mans the Ambulance, and all men have been trained in Emergency Medical Technique. In addition to their traditional firefighting responsibilities, the Department teaches fire prevention in the schools, instructs Scout groups in "first response", and teaches scuba diving at the municipal pool.

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Town Government



POLICE DEPARTMENT
443 West Street

934-5656

Established in 1930, the present department consists of one chief, one captain, six sergeants, 18 full time patrolmen, ten special police, and four women traffic guards in addition to two new juvenile officers and several other part time and secretarial personnel. Recent specialized training has been in the areas of photography, homicide investigation, crime scene search, and narcotics. The Neighborhood Watch Program and the new patrol coverage for the town by zoned one officer cruisers have increased efficiency and service to the community by the Department. All officers are trained in Emergency Medical Techniques.

...and Services



DUXBURY YOUTH COMMISSION
22 Washington Street

934-6244

This town sponsored Outreach Worker meets the needs of a target population of young people in the Intermediate and High School. The emphasis of service is towards high school adolescents and marginally involved youth who are isolated and alienated, unemployed graduates, dropouts, minority persons, those having legal difficulties, youths enduring or creating upheaval in family situations, those abusing drugs or alcohol, and any other young people whose needs cannot be met by the public schools. The Outreach Worker acts as a police and court liaison/advocate and referral source; as a liaison person between youths, their families, and area agencies designed to help troubled individuals; as a counselor; as a crisis intervention worker; and as an aid to adolescents both in their growth process and in strengthening the families of troubled youngsters. A comprehensive network approach has resulted in cooperative relationships with agencies that offer assistance in such areas as foster care, pregnancy, counseling, psychiatric care, parenting support and alcohol rehabilitation. The Outreach Worker receives professional supervision and consultation from a private Mental Health Center.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION

22 Summer Street Dial Operator, ask for Enterprise 1920
Plymouth This is a toll free call

This organization provides numerous services to the residents of the town, including patient visits, well child conferences, pre-school conferences, booster and immunization clinics, influenza immunization clinics, geriatric counseling sessions, blood pressure screening clinics, TB skin testing, and chest x-ray clinics at Jordan Hospital.

OTHER SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Duxbury Housing Authority is in its third year of operation at Duxborough Village, a 52 unit apartment complex for Senior Citizens, and is presently searching the town for other sites for additional housing for the Elderly. - The Board of Health has opened a new modern Refuse Transfer Station that has proven very successful. Located on Mayflower Street off route 3A, hours are: 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. Wednesday - Sunday; closed Monday and Tuesday.

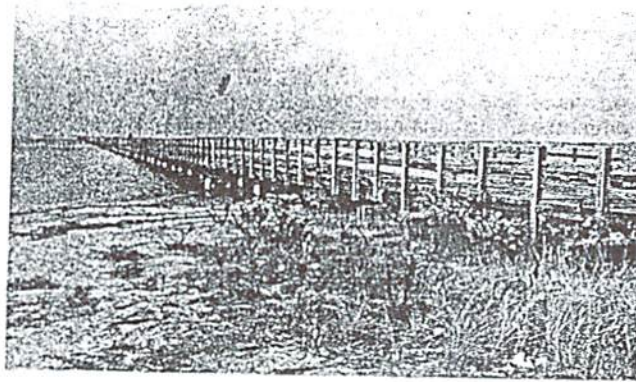
Creative Use of Leisure Time

-A 37.4 mile tidal shoreline
-A magnificent 5 mile sandy beach
-Bays, marshes, meadows, and streams
-Over 1200 acres of town owned conservation land

These are the natural recreational settings through which Duxbury offers its residents the opportunity to swim, fish, clam, boat, hike, or jog at leisure. Many other outdoor recreational opportunities are also provided. The town maintains two public launching ramps, one at Mattakeesett Court, and the other at Howland's Landing. There is a town pier, and moorings in Duxbury Harbor are available from the town harbormaster. A nine hole public golf course is located at the North Hill Country Club, and the Duxbury Yacht Club, a privately owned organization, has, launching services, an 18 hole golf course, a clubhouse, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and facilities for paddle tennis. Several private marinas that offer complete marina services can be found along the shoreline, and, in keeping with the heritage of the town, some continue to build custom power and sail boats. Ballfields and playgrounds are available throughout the town at several sites, one of which at Alden Street is lighted for use into evening hours. Throughout the winter months, the lighted skating pond at Island Creek provides many hours of stimulating activity. Tennis courts can be found at six different locations in town, and at Chandler Field, two new soccer fields are being developed. For the youngsters, a pony league sized diamond at Keene Street playground has recently been completed, and for those that like to hike and picnic, the State maintains Standish Monument Park at the peak of Captain's Hill where the 130' tower affords one a beautiful view of Massachusetts Bay.

Swimming may be enjoyed outdoors at one of several superb areas, or one may choose to become a member at the newly constructed Percy Walker Memorial Swimming Pool. Several different types of ticket plan enrollments are offered. There is an aquatic program for tiny tots through Senior Citizens with all levels of Red Cross swimming lessons from beginners to water safety instructors courses. Water polo, water ballet, skin diving and scuba diving, swimnastics, competitive AAU, and swimming and diving teams known as the Duxbury Aqua-Dux are programs enjoyed by both spectator and participant alike. Augmenting these programs is a school area collaborative program that has made it possible to conduct an aquatic program for the handicapped.

The Recreation Department in Duxbury oversees approximately 300 scheduled activities throughout the year to accommodate the interests and abilities of people of all ages. Assisting the department with the many community programs are over 400 youth and adult volunteers. A specific schedule of activities, programs, and special events is available from the Recreation Department office at Town Hall. Highlighting some of these are the programs in boys and girls gymnastics, arts and crafts, ballet, auto workshop, fencing (a new addition), women's fitness, quilting class, soccer, basic photography, a CPR course, dance, guitar, judo and paddle tennis. During the summer months there are tennis and sailing lessons in addition to an all day playground program. Specially designed programs for Senior Citizens include bridge lesson sessions, and painting classes for beginners and more experienced "artists". The activities sponsored by the Recreation Department continue to grow in popularity, involving this past year approximately 72% of the townspeople in some phase of the year round programs.



Completing the spectrum of community resources are the more than 52 recreational organizations and clubs in town. These groups encompass a myriad of activities, interests, and purposes. In addition, school and church organizations provide services and programs for the community. Sports events and opportunities, fairs and auctions, community service projects, and parades are but a few of the types of activities sponsored by these various groups. The Tarkiln Youth and Recreation Center is used as both a center for outdoor sports activities and tennis, and as a meeting place for many of the town's public and private organizations.

For newcomers to town, or for those curious about the history of Duxbury, there are numerous places of interest: The King Caesar House, the Drew House, the Bradford House, and the Sarah Wingate Taylor House on Clark's Island are maintained by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society; the Duxbury Free Library houses a Duxbury Historical Room; and the Old Burying Ground and the Alden House are worthwhile places to visit.

THE STANDISH MEDICAL/DENTAL CENTER
42 Tremont Street

934-2720

Since 1968, the Standish Medical/Dental Center has served the residents of Duxbury as the major local facility for private practice medical and dental care. The Center is staffed by physicians specializing in internal medicine, pediatrics, podiatry, gynecology, obstetrics, and general family practice. Orthodontists and dentists are also available. Other features of the center include radiology and laboratory services.

DUXBURY COUNSELING SERVICES
113 Tremont Street

934-6226

Services are available in the areas of psychological adjustment and personal development. The staff includes clinical psychologists, marriage counselors, child therapists, adult and adolescent psychiatrists, and a psychiatric social worker. Medical consultation is available, and the organization conducts testing programs for several local school departments. Individual, group, family, and school counseling is offered for every age level.

Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday and Thursday 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.
Friday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Medical Facilities - Services

MAYFLOWER COUNSELING CENTER 934-6083
15 Chestnut Street EMERGENCY HOT LINE 747-1500

Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 9 P.M. Monday - Friday
9 P.M. - 8:30 A.M. and Weekends 747-1500

The Mayflower Counseling Center is a State run counseling clinic that offers individual, family, group, and school counseling for all age groups - youngsters through the Elderly. The clinic is operated on an out patient basis and hours are by appointment. This clinic serves a catchment area of ten surrounding towns, and provides testing services for many of the local school systems. The Center is staffed by adult and adolescent psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, child therapists, marriage counselors, and psychiatric social workers.

FISHER JUNIOR COLLEGE AT MIRAMAR 585-2184
Retreat House 585-2460

Originally a seminary founded by the Divine Word Missionaries, this 100 acre wooded campus area is currently used by community groups for meetings and functions, a Headstart Program is conducted here, and the Kennedy Foundation for the Handicapped and the Baptist Academy hold classes in the building. Fisher Junior College recently has initiated an Extension Service at this location, offering evening courses for adults. In 1948 a Retreat House was built and is presently used for weekends, days, and evenings of recollection, for High School retreats and seminars and for marriage encounters.

CAMP WING 837-6144
Keene Street

More than 800 acres encompasses this facility which has been used primarily for special programs for inter-city youngsters for 41 years. The Camp is owned and staffed by the Boys and Girls Camps, Inc. of Boston. Over 300 youngsters, some of whom are local, benefit from the programs offered here both during the summer camp period, and through the winter months when special programs are offered. Children may swim at the pool, boat on the lakes, enjoy campcraft, participate in indoor and outdoor basketball, or walk the nature trails. At another location tennis courts are available for use on land donated by the Camp to the town for this purpose.

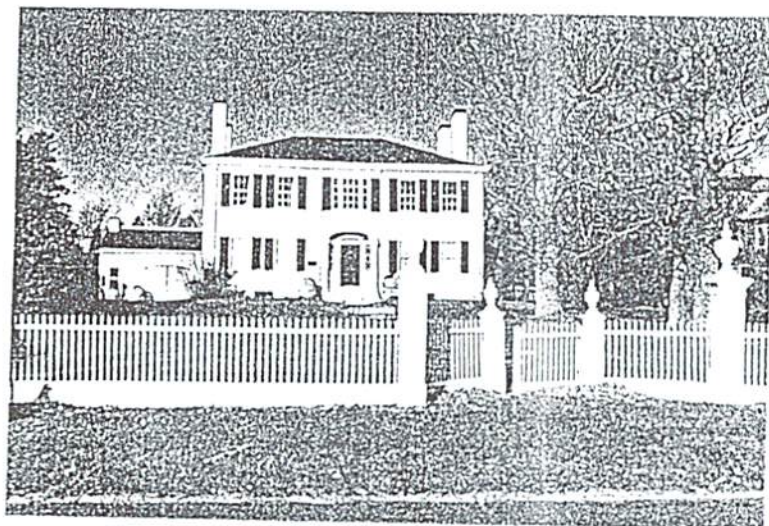
"The Alden Homestead" Built in 1653 by their son Jonathon, this was the last home of John and Priscilla Alden. ➤

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THE KING CAESAR HOUSE
Caesar Road
Powder Point

934-2378

Open late June-Labor Day and by appointment the remainder of the year



The current headquarters of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, this classic example of Federal Period architecture built in 1808 features rare scenic wallpapers imported from France by shipbuilder Ezra Weston II. Both Ezra Weston I and II were known as "King Caesar" due to their worldwide recognition as the largest ship owners of their day in the United States. During the great shipbuilding boom in Duxbury, the Weston yards built ships larger than any other yard in town. One third of the town's work force was involved directly with the building of ships, and the remainder of the town worked in supportive capacities. The center of all of the activity, the wharves of the Weston yards, could be viewed from the sturdy foursquare home built with the careful attention to detail as was typical of the fine work done by ship's carpenters. The front rooms upstairs and downstairs remain almost unchanged from the original construction. One will find this a picturesque spot to capture the feeling of the shipbuilding era that is so much a part of the character and heritage of the town of Duxbury.